

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank Examiner McDermott for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4, 5, 9, 20, 21, 23, 28, 37-39 and 42. As discussed more fully below, the limitations of Claims 21 and 38 have been incorporated into Claims 1 and 29. Claims 21, 23, 28, 38, 39 and 41 are cancelled. Regarding the amendment made to Claim 40, no new matter is added. Part of the subject matter previously found in Claim 41 has been placed in Claim 40.

Applicant submits herewith a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement listing prior art that was identified in co-pending application Serial No. 10/047,226. None of the references submitted teach the compounds presently claimed, for use in providing corrosion resistance to metal elements in concrete structures.

The parent application identified in the cross-reference section of this application has now issued as patent 6,610,138.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for various reasons. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claims 24 and 25 overcome these objections; both have been amended to clear up the lack of antecedent basis.

Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, these claims are not indefinite and requests withdrawal of this basis of rejection.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 8, 10-14, 15, 16-19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious in view of various combinations of references, including 4,285,733; 5,071,579; 4,991,248; and 4,092,109. Applicant submits that the amendments to Claims 1 and 29, based on the allowable subject matter in claims 21 and 38, renders moot these rejections, and respectfully requests withdrawal of all §103 rejections.

Summary

As all outstanding issues have been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, Claims 1-20, 22, 24-27, 29-37, 40 and 42, are in condition for allowance; such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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